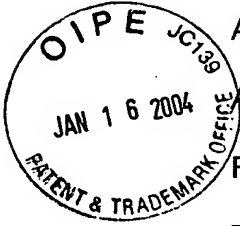


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, and 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, the document listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is hereby made of record in this patent application.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of the first Official Action in this application, no fee is believed due in order to have the enclosed references considered by the Examiner and made of record in the application.

Early action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

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